


NT Jurisdictional Issues

Update of current matters of interest

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Bushfires NT Current matters of interest

- Implementation of the Bushfires Management Act 2016 continues (Introduced Nov. 2016)
- Recruitment of Department Chief Executive
- Recruitment of Executive Director Bushfires NT Division
- Reorganisation of management structure
- Completion of Planning Framework Project
- Continued challenges with major weed infestations Gamba in north, Buffel in south.

Aerial Planned Burning

A return to Central Australia

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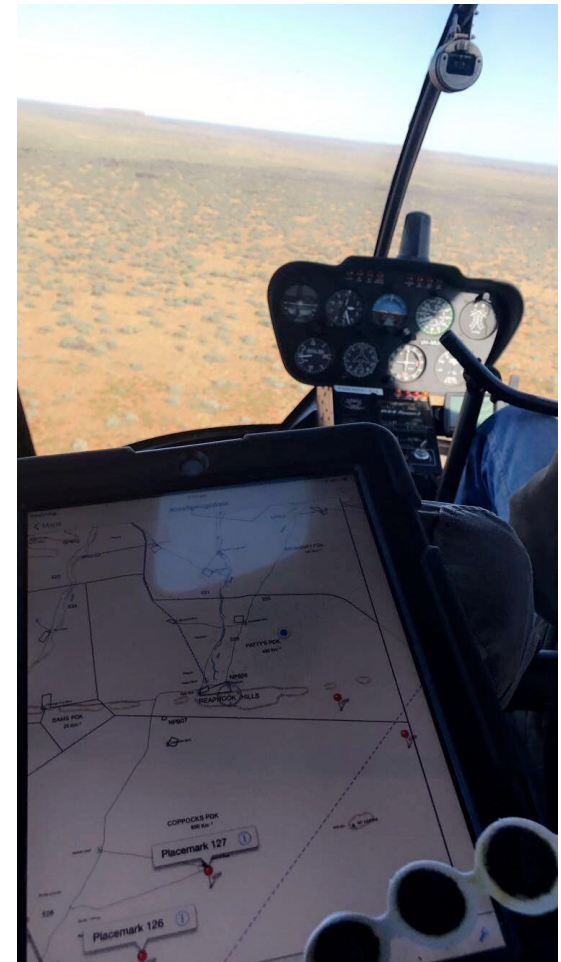
What is the history of APB in CA ?

- BFNT have not led an APB program since the early 2000's
- CLC have run a very successful APB the past 5 years in the Tanami Region
- Parks & Wildlife undertake regular small scale APB within Parks Estate
- Landowner apprehension to large scale burning programs



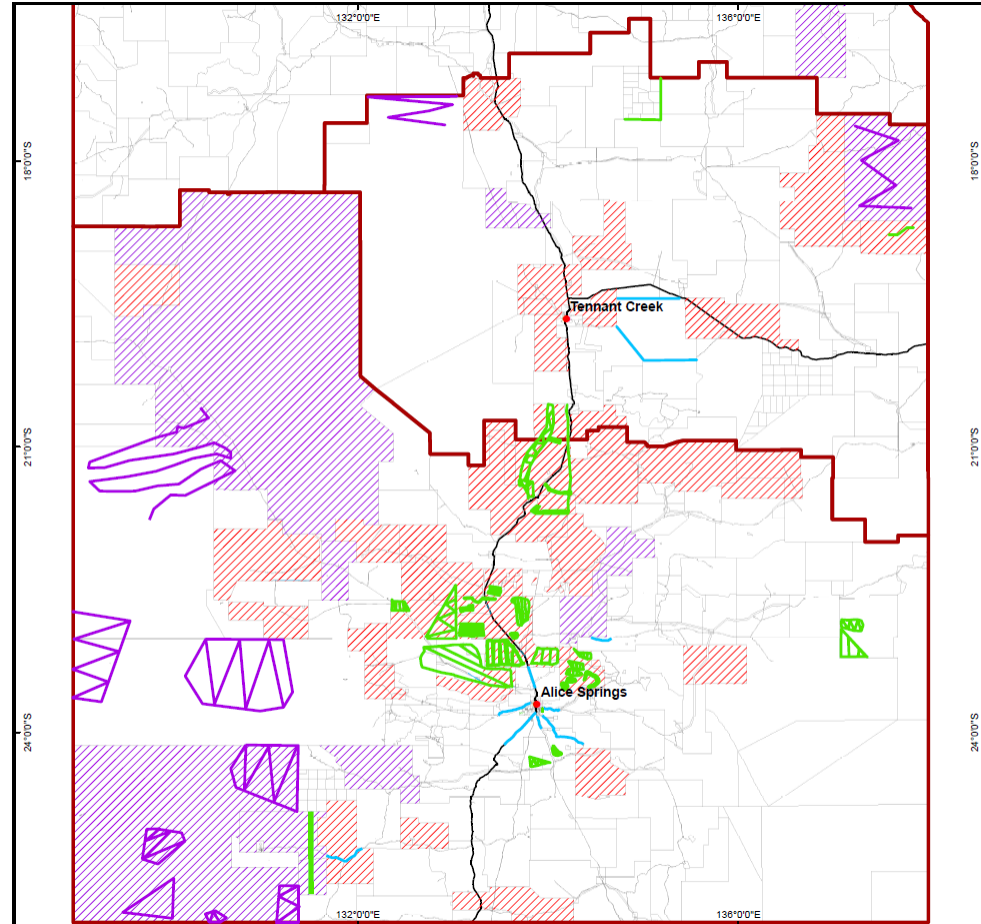
What were the challenges to implementing a program?

- Differing land management objectives between landowners
- Historical small scale response to risk
- Landowner apprehension to the program
- Seasonal conditions
- No trained CA Bushfires NT staff as an Incendiary Bombardier
- No Bushfires NT owned Incendiary Machine in CA
- Expiring federal government funding



What was planned ?

- 11 properties expressed interest in the program
- Land tenure included;
 - Pastoral lease
 - Aboriginal Land Trusts
 - Indigenous Protected Areas
 - Park Reserves
- Objectives of the program included;
 - Building landowner collaboration
 - Building staff capacity
 - Reduce bushfire risk



What was achieved?

- APB occurred on
- Increased trust and
- Increased communication
- All CA staff trained in
- All Alice Springs staff



Community Fire Management Case Study – Atitgere

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What are the facts ?

- 224 Aboriginal Communities within the Alice Springs FMZ
 - Consisting of Major and Minor Community's and Family Outstations
- 3 Regional Councils that have responsibility's under the act for community fire management
- Little to no resources within communities for fire suppression



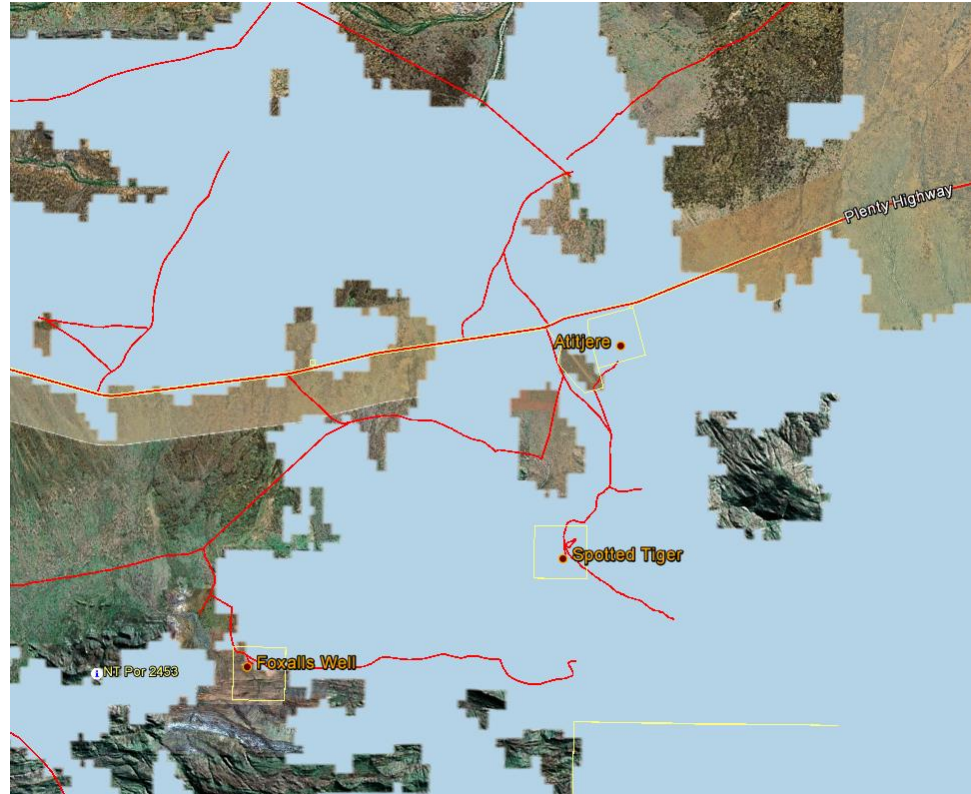
Case Study – Atitjere Community (Harts Range)

- 215km NE of Alice Springs
- Population 220 + approx.
- Permanent Police Station
- Council Services
- CLC Ranger Group



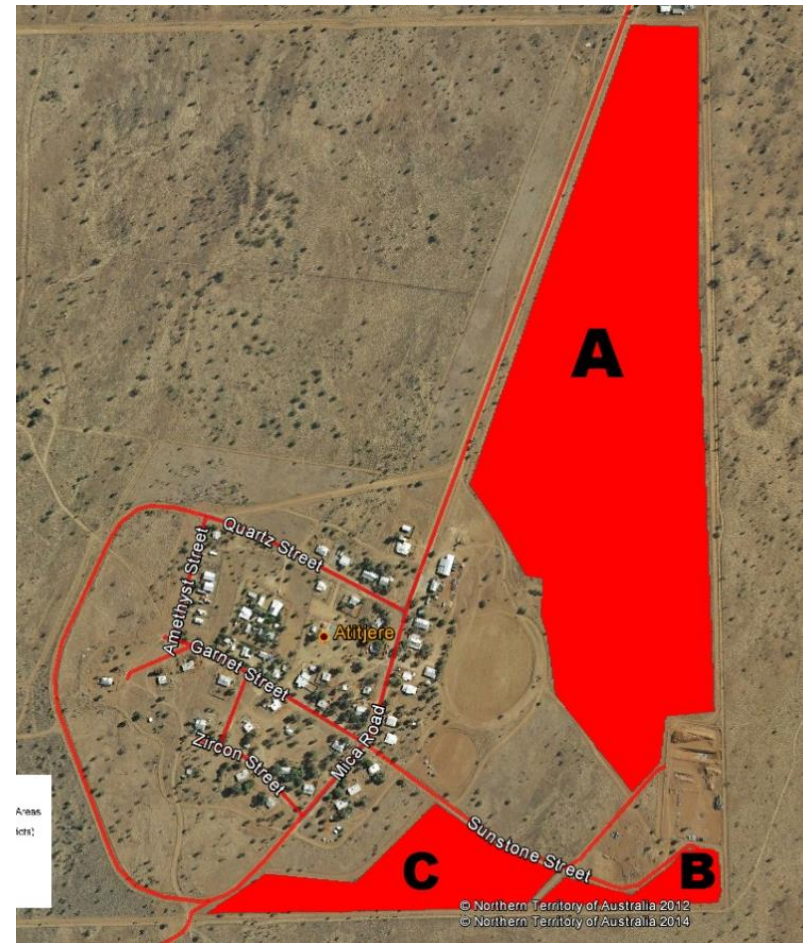
What is the fire history?

- Community was overrun by bushfires during the 2011/12 fire season
- Community has limited resources to self defend during bushfire events
- Regional Council was unaware of their responsibilities and had no fire management capacity
- Community relies on in kind contribution from adjoining pastoral station to manage community firebreaks



What does it look like now ?

- Community Fire Management Plan developed
- 12 FF1 trained community members
- Co investment through the CDP Program
- Stronger partnerships between agencies
- Increased community resilience and capacity
- Fuel reduction burning completed by community members



What does it look like now ?

